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## Arms Trade Treaty: Final Day of Negotiations

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Negotiations to reach agreement on a potentially historic Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) enter a critical final day on Friday 27 July, after nearly four weeks of talks at the United Nations in New York.

The irresponsible and poorly regulated international arms trade fuels serious human rights abuses, armed violence, conflict, organized crime and poverty around the world. If agreement on a comprehensive ATT is reached it will help end the devastation caused to millions of lives by the irresponsible arms trade.

To request an interview or briefing with an Amnesty International spokesperson at the UN on the outcome, key countries involved and what any potential agreement will actually mean, please contact:

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The idea of an ATT was initiated by several non-governmental organizations, including Amnesty International, in the 1990s and the organizations have been campaigning for a strong ATT ever since.

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